

## KARO-ECHO Membership Meeting

February 8, 2021

via Zoom

### Attendees

Hal Graboske	KK6NDF
Howdy Goudey	KE6BEE
Larry Vanselow	KK6GIO
Tom Fattaruso	KN6BUY
Don Simon	NI6A
Natalie DeJarlais	KM6UCF
Annette McCoubrey	KJ6SWK
Diane Richwine	KK6RED
David Swanson	KJ6AAT
Marian Gade	KC6OBK
Jerry Michaels	K6KOP
Karen Leong Fenton	KK6ZPM
Jay Fenton	KJ6WSS
Curt Smith	KM6HFT
Dave Naisuler	KN6BVF

### Agenda:

Business session:

Introductions, Minutes, Agenda

Radio Infrastructure Working Group

Training and Operations Working Group

Communication Coordinator recruitment

Outreach/recruiting/web

Funding

Neighborhood nets and GMRS radios

1st Wed., reports

Training session:

Debrief on the recent Winter Field Day

Initial planning/discussion of the upcoming SET exercise

### Business session

Hal opened the meeting at 7:05PM

A motion was made and seconded, the January meeting minutes were approved.  
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### ***Radio Infrastructure*** - BEE/NI6A

Subjects brought up:

- No interaction has been made with the city yet.
- Howdy has done some work on clubhouse radios.
- Firehouse radios may also need work also. Firehouse personnel are overloaded with other tasks these days so they have little time to work with radios. Firehouse work will be coordinated with Kevin rather than CERT personnel.
- Old packet equipment needs to be removed from firehouse.
- Don is working on a Youtube video describing a go-cart.
- EC City Hall Com. Center still needs a frayed cable repaired or replaced. Howdy will be the contact person.
- There is no disaster plan yet.

### ***Training and Operations*** - BEE

- The upcoming SET has been scheduled for Saturday, Apr.10, 10AM-12PM.
- An effort will be made to have some GMRS neighborhood nets organized for this SET.
- Don prepared a plan for a District Radio Communication Coordinator (DRCC), a ham radio operator to interface with the GMRS area coordinator (AC) for communication and mutual aid.

### ***Recruiting and Outreach*** - SWK

- Annette is continuing to work on the letter to deliver to local amateurs with an invitation to join KARO-ECHO.

### ***Funding*** - GIO

- Larry reported that there are currently 8 paid members. A reminder email will be sent out.
- The KE website Pay-Pal function is still being worked on so the best way to pay dues for now is to mail a check to the KE PO box address.

### **Meeting training session**

- Karen reported that there were 48 check-ins for the Feb. 3 1st Wednesday.
- 4 stations participated in a practice session that demonstrated the Marina Bay location requesting mutual aid from other area locations.

- David and Diane reported on progress with the Richmond net, the 1st Thursday Richmond transmitter check, and their participation in Winter Field Day.
- Howdy reported on Winter Field Day - participation was light, many did not know about the event.
- The process of obtaining a club call sign has been started, one more signature is required.
- For the upcoming Spring SET, an aim will be to include portable operation, changing shifts, rotating locations, mutual aid requests, participation of operators outside of El Cerrito and Kensington, and FRS/GMRS net interfacing.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05PM